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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 0.7 PERCENT IN APRIL, UP 3.2% IN FIRST FOUR MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 20 -- Airline passenger traffic declined 0.7 percent in April, compared with the same month last year, but was up 3.2 percent for the first four months of 1988, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic declined 4.9 percent in April. Available seat miles rose 0.4 percent. The passenger load factor was 61.7 percent, down from 65.2 percent for April, 1987.

In international service, traffic in April rose 20.3 percent, compared to April, 1987. Available seat miles rose 14.2 percent, and the passenger load factor was 66.4 percent, up from 63.1 percent in April, 1987.

For the first four months of 1988, domestic traffic declined 0.6 percent, available seat miles were up 2.5 percent, and the load factor was 59.7 percent compared to 61.5 percent for the same period last year.

International traffic for the first four months of 1988 was up 22.6 percent, while available seat miles were up 16.8 percent. The passenger load factor rose to 63.0 percent compared to 60.0 percent for the first four months of 1987.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1988 - 1987

		APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	88	26,405,291	42,763,923	61.7	102,091,053	171,064,074	59.7
	87	27,774,627	42,609,398	65.2	102,675,224	166,901,942	61.5
PERCENT CHANGE		(4.9)	0.4		(0.6)	2.5	
INTERNATIONAL	88	6,770,093	10,190,828	66.4	24,867,644	39,490,974	63.0
	87	5,629,266	8,923,938	63.1	20,289,647	33,796,449	60.0
PERCENT CHANGE		20.3	14.2		22.6	16.8	
TOTAL	88	33,175,384	52,954,751	62.6	126,958,697	210,555,048	60.3
	87	33,403,893	51,533,336	64.8	122,964,871	200,698,391	61.3
PERCENT CHANGE		(0.7)	2.8		3.2	4.9	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.